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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 March 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 10 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant

1. This communication is in response to application filed 10 March 2004. It is noted that application claims priority to foreign application filed 11 March 2003. Claims 1-20 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hogard (6,284,131) in view of Fujimoto (5,339,821).

4. As per claim 1, Hogard teaches a dialysis station implementing a course of treatment for a patient as instructed by a medical personnel and executed by a person (Hogard; Abstract), the dialysis station comprising:

at least one patient place having a dialyzer (Hogard; Abstract), a videoterminal and an ID input device for identifying the medical personnel and at which an acknowledgment of the execution of a treatment instruction is made in that the executing person

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acknowledges his or her identity, the at least one patient place receiving as input information on the execution of the instruction (Hogard; Fig. 8; Col. 8, lines 25-40; Col. 11, lines 40-45);

a central server including a data base (Hogard; Col. 12, lines 8-36).

Hogard does not expressly teach:

at least one physician place equipped with a video terminal, said video terminals of the at least one patient place and the at least one physician place and the server being interlinked with each other and configured such that information on the course of the treatment at a selected patient place is callable and instructions for a selected patient place are adapted to be input.

However this is well known in the art as evidenced by Fujimoto. In particular, Fujimoto teaches a home medical system, including a pump equipped with communication equipment to connect to a medical institution side (Fujimoto; Col. 3, lines 35-55; Col. 7, lines 55 to Col. 8, line 8). It would have been obvious to add these features to Hogard with the motivation of having a home medical system that can undergo a check or inquiry a medical specialist at a medical institution (Fujimoto; Col. 1, line 65 to Col. 2, line 5).

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5. As per claim 2, Hogard does not expressly teach information on occurrences can be input at the patient place, and an acknowledgment of the input is effected in that the executing person acknowledges his or her identity in the ID input device. However, this is well known in the art as evidenced by Fujimoto. In particular, Fujimoto teaches inputting identification information into the medical apparatus (Fujimoto; Col. 7, lines 55-65). It would have been obvious to add these features to Hogard with the motivation of having a home medical system that can undergo a check or inquiry a medical specialist at a medical institution (Fujimoto; Col. 1, line 65 to Col. 2, line 5).

6. As per claim 3, Hogard does not expressly teach wherein a patient code can be input which allocates the patient place to a patient. However, this is well known in the art as evidenced by Fujimoto. In particular, Fujimoto teaches inputting identification information into the medical apparatus (Fujimoto; Col. 7, lines 55-65). It would have been obvious to add these features to Hogard with the motivation of having a home medical system that can undergo a check or inquiry a medical specialist at a medical institution (Fujimoto; Col. 1, line 65 to Col. 2, line 5).

7. As per claim 4, Hogard teaches wherein the video terminal of the patient place is configured as a user interface for setting and changing parameters of the dialyzer (Hogard; Col. 8, line 60 to Col. 9, line 10). Hogard does not expressly teach the setting and change are stored along with the identity of the executing person. However, this is

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well known in the art as evidenced by Fujimoto. In particular, Fujimoto teaches inputting identification information into the medical apparatus (Fujimoto; Col. 7, lines 55-65). It would have been obvious to add these features to Hogard with the motivation of having a home medical system that can undergo a check or inquiry a medical specialist at a medical institution (Fujimoto; Col. 1, line 65 to Col. 2, line 5).

8. As per claims 5 and 6, Hogard does not expressly teach:

wherein the video terminals of the at least one patient places and the physician place are connected in an internal communication network;

wherein the internal communication network is connected with an external communication network to which a video terminal of an external physician place is connected.

However, this is well known in the art as evidenced by Fujimoto. In particular, Fujimoto teaches a home medical system including a medical institution side communication apparatus or link and a telecommunication line (Fujimoto; Col. 2, line 40-50). It would have been obvious to add these features to Hogard with the motivation of having a home medical system that can undergo a check or inquiry a medical specialist at a medical institution (Fujimoto; Col. 1, line 65 to Col. 2, line 5).

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9. As per claim 7, Hogard does not expressly teach wherein a symbol for calling an instruction input at the physician place can be illustrated on the video terminal of the at least one patient place. However, this is well known in the art as evidenced by Fujimoto. In particular, Fujimoto teaches a home medical system including a medical institution side communication apparatus or link and a telecommunication line (Fujimoto; Col. 2, line 40-50). It would have been obvious to add these features to Hogard with the motivation of having a home medical system that can undergo a check or inquiry a medical specialist at a medical institution (Fujimoto; Col. 1, line 65 to Col. 2, line 5).

10. As per claim 8, Hogard teaches wherein a patient data file stored in the server includes indications on the dialyzer determined for a patient as well as on the settings and operational parameters thereof, and the video terminal of the at least one patient place receives the settings and operational parameters from the server and sets them at the dialyzer (Hogard; Col. 11, lines 14-45; Col. 12, lines 8-64).

11. As per claim 9, Hogard teaches wherein the input device consists of a data reader reading information on the patient the operator, or both from a data carrier (Hogard; Col. 11, lines 14-45; Col. 12, lines 8-64).

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12. As per claim 10, Hogard teaches wherein each video terminal comprises a screen with a keyboard and a computer connected with a control portion of the dialyzer (Hogard; Col. 11, lines 14-45; Col. 12, lines 8-64).

13. Claims 11-20 repeat limitations recited in claims 1-10 and the reasons for rejection are incorporated herein.

Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michelle Linh-Giang Le whose telephone number is 571-272-8207. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM - 5PM, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Thomas can be reached on 571-272-3600. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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